SENATE BILL 895

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to reimbursement of medical claims.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-109(b)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:
 - (C) Not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving a claim by electronic submission for a service that was approved under a health insurance entity's prior authorization process before it was performed, a health insurance entity shall:
 - (i) If the entire claim was approved under the prior authorization process, pay the total covered amount of the claim; or
 - (ii) If only a portion of the claim was approved under the prior authorization process, pay the covered amount of the portion of the claim that was approved under the prior authorization process and respond to any remaining portion in accordance with subdivision (b)(1)(B).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.